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Docket No. 50278

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In re application of:

Goosey et al.

Serial No.: 09/172,533

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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Group Art Unit: 1762

For: ELECTROLESS PLATING PROCESSES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**LETTER**

Applicants submit herewith the executed Rule 63 Declaration and Assignment for the above-identified application.

In that Declaration and Assignment, the third named inventor, Joachim Buk's last name is inadvertently misspelled (as Buch) in type-written form, but correctly spelled (as Buk) as signed by the inventor.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney if submission of an additional Rule 63 Declaration is considered desirable. However, it is believed the enclosed Declaration is full acceptable under the Rules.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. **Letter to the Commissioner for Patents**
2. **Completion of Filing Requirements**
3. **Copy of Form PTO-1533**
4. **Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney**
5. **Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet**
6. **Executed Assignment**
7. **Two checks in the amounts of \$240.00 and \$40.00 to cover fees.**

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**Washington, D.C. 20231**

**COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS**  
**— NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

*(check and complete this item, if applicable)*

- I. ☒ This replies to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (PTO-1533) mailed 10/30/98.

*NOTE: If these papers are filed before the office letter issues, adequate identification of the original papers should be made, e.g., in addition to the name of the inventor and title of invention, the filing date based on the "Express Mail" procedure, the serial number from the return post card or the attorney's docket number added.*

- ☒ A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application—Filing Date Granted (Form PTO-1533) is enclosed.

*NOTE: The PTO requires that a copy of Form PTO-1533 be returned with the response to the notice to file missing parts to the application.*

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being:

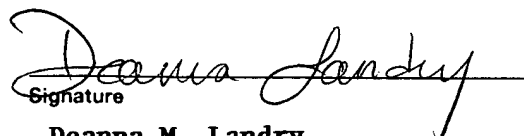
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## DECLARATION OR OATH

- II. ☒ No declaration or oath was filed. Enclosed is the original declaration or oath for this application.

NOTE: If the correct inventor or inventors are not named on filing a nonprovisional application under § 1.53(b) without an executed oath or declaration under § 1.63, the later submission of an executed oath or declaration under § 1.63 during the pendency of the application will act to correct the earlier identification of inventorship. 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(f)(1).

OR

- ☐ The declaration or oath that was filed was determined to be defective. A new original oath or declaration is attached.

NOTE: For surcharge fee for filing declaration after filing date complete item VI(3) below.

NOTE: "The following combinations of information supplied in an oath or declaration filed after the filing date are acceptable as minimums for identifying a specification and compliance with any one of the items below will be accepted as complying with the identification requirement of 37 CFR 1.63:

"(1) name of inventor(s), and application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number; e.g., 08/123,456);

"(2) name of inventor(s), serial number and filing date;

"(3) name of inventor(s) and attorney docket number which was on the specification as filed;

"(4) name of inventor(s), title which was on the specification as filed and filing date;

"(5) name of inventor(s), title which was on the specification as filed and reference to an attached specification which is both attached to the oath or declaration at the time of execution and submitted with the oath or declaration; or

"(6) name of inventor(s), title which was on the specification as filed and accompanied by a cover letter accurately identifying the application for which it was intended by either the application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number; e.g., 08/123,456), or serial number and filing date. Absent any statement(s) to the contrary, it will be presumed that the application filed in the PTO is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the oath or declaration."

Notice of Jul. 13, 1995 (1177 O.G. 60); M.P.E.P. § 601.01(a), 6th ed., rev. 3.

NOTE: Another minimum found acceptable in the declaration is the filing date (i.e., date of express mail) and the express mail number, useful where the serial number is not yet known. But note the practice where the express mail deposit is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday within the District of Columbia. 37 C.F.R. 1.10(c).

(complete (c) or (d), if applicable)

Attached is a

- (c) ☐ Statement by a registered attorney that the application filed in the PTO is the application that the inventor executed by signing the declaration.
- (d) ☐ Statement that the "attached" specification is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto that were filed in the PTO to obtain the filing date.

## AMENDMENT CANCELLING CLAIMS

- III. ☐ Cancel claims \_\_\_\_\_ inclusive.

**TRANSMITTAL F ENGLISH TRANSLATION  
F N N-ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS**

- IV. ☐ Submitted herewith is an English translation of the non-English language application papers as originally filed. Also submitted herewith is a statement by the translator of the accuracy of the translation. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the PTO.

NOTE: For fee processing a non-English application, complete item VI(5) below.

NOTE: A non-English oath or declaration in the form provided by the PTO need not be translated. 37 C.F.R. 1.69(b).

**SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

**V.**

- ☐ A statement that this filing is by a small entity  
(check and complete applicable items)
- ☐ is attached.
- ☐ A separate refund request accompanies this paper.
- ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (original).

**COMPLETION FEES**

**VI.**

**WARNING:** Failure to submit the surcharge fees where required will cause the application to become abandoned. 37 C.F.R. 1.53.

NOTE: For effect on fees of failure to establish status, or change status, as a small entity, see 37 C.F.R. 1.28(a).

**1. Filing fee**

- ☐ original patent application  
(37 C.F.R. 1.16(a)—\$790.00; Small entity—\$395.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ design application  
(37 C.F.R. 1.16(f)—\$330.00; small entity—\$165.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Fees for claims**

- ☐ each independent claim in excess of 3  
(37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)—\$82.00; small entity—\$41.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ each claim in excess of 20  
(37 C.F.R. 1.16(c)—\$22.00; small entity—\$11.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ multiple dependent claim(s)  
(37 C.F.R. 1.16(d)—\$270.00; small entity—\$135.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. Surcharge fees

☐ late payment of filing fee

and/or

☒ late filing of original declaration or oath

(37 C.F.R. 1.16(e)—\$130.00; small entity—\$65.00);

\$ 130.00

NOTE: Even where a facsimile declaration or oath signed by the inventor(s) was part of the originally filed papers, the surcharge fee is required.

NOTE: If both the filing fee and declaration or oath were missing from the original papers, only one surcharge fee for both need be paid. 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e).

4. ☐ Petition and fee for filing by other than all the inventors or a person not the inventor  
(37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) and 1.47—\$130.00)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

5. ☐ Fee for processing an application filed with a specification in a non-English language  
(37 C.F.R. 1.17(k) and 1.52(d)—\$130.00)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

6. ☐ Fee for processing and retention of application  
(37 C.F.R. 1.21(l) and 1.53(d)—\$130.00)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

7. ☒ Assignment (See "ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET".)

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. 1.21(f) establishes a fee for processing and retaining any application which is abandoned for failing to complete the application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f) and this, as well as, the changes to 37 C.F.R. 1.53 and 1.78 indicate that in order to obtain the benefit of a prior U.S. application, either the basic filing fee or the processing and retention fee of § 1.21(f) within 1 year of notification under §1.53(f) must be paid.

Total completion fees

\$ 130.00

### EXTENSION OF TIME

#### VII.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) apply.

(a) ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,510.00	\$ 755.00

Fee \$ 110.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ 110.00

or

- (b) ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

### TOTAL FEE DUE

#### VIII.

The total fee due is

Completion fee(s) \$ 130.00

Extension fee (if any) \$ 110.00

Total Fee Due \$ 240.00

### PAYMENT OF FEES

#### IX.

- ☒ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 240.00
- ☐ Charge Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
A duplicate of this request is attached.

NOTE: Fees should be itemized in such a manner that it is clear for which purpose the fees are paid. 37 C.F.R. 1.22(b).

Please charge Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ for any fees that may be due by this paper

### AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

#### X.

**WARNING:** Accurately count claims, especially multiple dependant claims, to avoid unexpected high charges if extra claims are authorized.

NOTE: "Amounts of twenty-five dollars or less will not be returned unless specifically requested within a reasonable time, nor will the payer be notified of such amounts; amounts over twenty-five dollars may be returned by check or, if requested, by credit to a deposit account." 37 C.F.R. § 1.26(a).

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the pendency of this application to Account No. 04-1105

☒ 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)

☐ 37 C.F.R. 1.16(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)

NOTE: Because additional fees for excess or multiple dependent claims not paid on filing or on later presentation must only be paid or these claims cancelled by amendment prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the PTO in any notice of fee deficiency (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d)), it might be best not to authorize the PTO to charge additional claim fees, except possibly when dealing with amendments after final action.

- ☒ 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)
- ☒ 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(a)(1)–(5) (extension fees pursuant to § 1.136(a))
- ☒ 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (application processing fees)

NOTE: "A written request may be submitted in an application that is an authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. An authorization to charge all required fees, fees under § 1.17, or all required extension of time fees will be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission. Submission of the fee set forth in § 1.17(a) will also be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission." 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

- ☐ 37 C.F.R. 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.311(b))

NOTE: Where an authorization to charge the issue fee to a deposit account has been filed before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, the issue fee will be automatically charged to the deposit account at the time of mailing the notice of allowance. 37 C.F.R. 1.311(b).

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application . . . prior to paying, or at the time of paying . . . issue fee . . ." From the wording of 37 C.F.R. 1.28(b): (a) notification of change of status must be made even if the fee is paid as "other than a small entity" and (b) no notification is required if the change is to another small entity.

  
SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

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DATE MAILED:

10/30/98

**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**  
*Filing Date Granted*

An Application Number and Filing Date have been assigned to this application. The items indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE within which to file all required items and pay fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). If any of items 1 or 3 through 5 are indicated as missing, the SURCHARGE set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of ☐ \$55.00 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, or ☒ \$130.00 for a non-small entity, must also be timely submitted in reply to this NOTICE to avoid abandonment.

If all required items on this form are filed within the period set above, the total amount owed by applicant as a ☐ small entity (statement filed) ☒ non-small entity is \$ 130,452.00

- ☐ 1. The statutory basic filing fee is:
- ☐ missing.
- ☐ insufficient.
- Applicant must submit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- ☐ 2. Additional claim fees of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, including any multiple dependent claim fees, are required.
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ independent claims over 3.
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ dependent claims over 20.
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

***Applicant must either submit the additional claim fees or cancel additional claims for which fees are due.***

- ☒ 3. The oath or declaration:
- ☒ is missing or unexecuted.
  - ☐ does not cover the newly submitted items.
  - ☐ does not identify the application to which it applies.
  - ☐ does not include the city and state or foreign country of applicant's residence.
- An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1. 63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.*

- ☐ 4. The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- ☐ 5. The signature of the following joint inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

**An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the omitted inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.**

- ☐ 6. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).
- ☐ 7. Your filing receipt was mailed in error because your check was returned without payment.
- ☐ 8. The application does not comply with the Sequence Rules.  
See attached "Notice to Comply with Sequence Rules 37 CFR 1.821-1.825."
- ☐ 9. OTHER:

**Direct the reply and any questions about this notice to "Attention: Box Missing Parts."**

***A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.***

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